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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6910**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1135

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 9, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 5, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Advanced Placement Exams; School Counselors.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Porter

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Kruse

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** *AP Test:* This bill requires state educational institutions to grant postsecondary level academic credit that counts toward meeting the student's graduation requirements to students who receive a satisfactory score on an advanced placement examination.

*School Counselors:* The bill requires the Department of Education, in cooperation with other appropriate associations, to develop a uniform job description for school counselors..

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *AP Test:* The bill could potentially reduce tuition to state educational institutions since the student would receive credit for an advanced placement examination taken and passed, if elective credit is available within a particular major. Currently, state educational institutions can decide what is a satisfactory score on an advanced placement examination. The bill would define a satisfactory score as a score of 3, 4, or 5 on advanced placement exam sponsored by the College Board's Advanced Placement Program. A state educational institution could require a score higher than 3 if the credit is to be used for meeting a course requirement for a particular major at the institution. The impact would probably be minor.

*Background:* For the 2009 school year, 27,683 students took the advanced placement exam, with 11,637 of the students being 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 11,661 of the students being 12<sup>th</sup> graders. About 48.7% of the students taking the test passed, with 22.6% receiving a score of 3, 15.8% receiving a score of 4, and 10.3% receiving

a score of 5.

*School Counselors:* The Department of Education should be able to develop of a uniform job description for school counselors within their existing resources by July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Educational Institutions

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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